



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Ruben et al..

Application Serial No.: 09/880,748

Group Art Unit: 1631

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Examiner: DUFFY, Patricia

Title: ANTIBODIES THAT  
IMMUNOSPECIFICALLY BIND TO  
B LYMPHOCYTE STIMULATOR PROTEIN  
(as amended)

Atty. Docket No. PF523P1

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 14, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith:

- (a) Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by Rodger Smith with Exhibits A-G;
- (b) Partially redacted copy of ATCC® Deposit Receipt;
- (c) Substitute Specification; and
- (d) A Fee Transmittal Sheet.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 9.